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SU0J: EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES IN GULF OF SUEZ

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1. AT REQUEST OF AMOCO OFFICIALS, HENRY BOSWELL, V.P. AMOCO INTERNATIONAL, AND THOMAS JAMES, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL, STANDARD OIL OF INDIANA, MET IN DEPT AUGUST 24 WITH NEA DEP ASSIST SEC DAY, DEP LEGAL ADVISOR ALDRIDGE, AND OTHERS TO DISCUSS LATEST SUEZ GULF DEVELOPMENTS.
2. AFTER REVIEW OF GULF SITUATION, AMOCO OFFICIALS EXPRESSED THEIR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT MOVEMENT OF ISRAELI RIG INTO AMOCO CONCESSION AREA WHICH APPEARS TO BE IN BLOCK 305 AT COORDINATES X624, 282.07N AND Y853, 780.13E. BOSWELL AND JAMES UNSURE OF ISRAELI MOTIVES BUT EXPLORATION/ DRILLING ACTIVITIES MORE DISTURBING TO AMOCO OFFICIALS THAN ISRAELI HARASSMENT. OIL FIND WOULD HARDEN ISRAELI DETERMINATION TO EXPLOIT AREA FOR OWN PURPOSES. IF ISRAELI EXPLORATION EFFORTS SUCCESSFUL, FUTURE EGYPTIAN OIL PROSPECTS

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IN GULF COULD BE LIMITED. FURTHER, EGYPTIANS LIKELY TO

VIEW SUCH DEVELOPMENTS WITH ALARM OPENING NEW POSSIBILITIES  
FOR EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION.

3. BOSWELL SAID AMOCO PLANNING TO MOVE MARINER TO 304.1  
SITE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST WHEN  
AMOCO HAD PERSISTED WITH OPERATION ISRAELIS HAD ULTIMATELY  
ABANDONED HARASSMENT. IN ASIDE HE ADDED THAT HARASSMENT  
SEEMS TO HAVE INCREASED SINCE WE HAVE BEEN TELLING  
ISRAELIS OF SPECIFIC AMOCO ACTIVITIES. DAY SAID DECISION  
ON WHETHER TO MOVE MARINER WAS UP TO COMPANY, BUT IT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY HOW FAR ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WOULD CARRY  
THEIR EFFORTS TO INTERFERE, SHOULD THEY MAKE THEM.

4. DEPT OFFICERS TOLD AMOCO OFFICIALS DEPARTMENT WAS  
STILL CONSIDERING HOW IT SHOULD RESPOND TO SITUATION  
CREATED BY LATEST ISRAELI MOVES. KISSINGER

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